

May 17, 2004

Ms. Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
P. O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

**RECEIVED**

MAY 17 2004

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

**RE: Case No. 2004-00057**

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order of May 7, 2004, Columbia hereby submits its response. An original and eight copies are attached. Copies have been provided to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

  
Judy M. Cooper  
Director, Regulatory Policy

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY  
PSC CASE NO. 2004-00057  
INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ORDER DATED MAY 7, 2004**

**Question No. 1**

Provide the average annual gas consumption for customers who:

- a. Use natural gas as a primary source of heat.
- b. Do not use natural gas as a primary source of heat.

**Response of Columbia Gas of Kentucky:**

- a. The average annual gas consumption for heating is 70 MCF per year.
- b. Customers who do not use natural gas as the primary source for heating, may use natural gas for water heating which averages 30 MCF per year or gas logs which average 12 MCF per year. The use of natural gas for cooking averages 4 MCF per year and grilling averages 2 MCF per year.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY  
PSC CASE NO. 2004-00057  
INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ORDER DATED MAY 7, 2004**

**Question No. 2**

Under what conditions would a customer who does not use natural gas as a primary source of heat be required to pay only a portion of the annual average installation costs?

**Response of Columbia Gas of Kentucky:**

A customer who does not use natural gas as the primary source of heat, would pay only one-half of the annual average installation costs if the customer used natural gas for water heating. Columbia advised the complainant of this option in December 2003.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY  
PSC CASE NO. 2004-00057  
INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ORDER DATED MAY 7, 2004**

**Question No. 3**

Provide the number of customers that do not use natural gas as a primary source of heat who, as of March 1, 2003, have had to pay only a portion of the annual average installation costs.

**Response of Columbia Gas of Kentucky:**

For the period beginning March 2003 to April 2004, two (2) customers that do not use natural gas as the primary source of heat have paid only a portion of the annual average installation costs.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY  
PSC CASE NO. 2004-00057  
INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ORDER DATED MAY 7, 2004**

**Question No. 4**

Referencing the answers to No. 3 above, provide the amount and the circumstances for those contributions.

**Response of Columbia Gas of Kentucky:**

Both customers referenced in response to Question No. 3 paid a contribution of \$407.50 toward the cost of their service line because they installed natural gas water heating.

Dated at Columbus, Ohio, this seventeenth day of May 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

By: Stephen B. Seiple (GMC)  
Stephen B. Seiple  
Lead Counsel

Stanley J. Sagun, Assistant General Counsel  
Stephen B. Seiple, Lead Counsel  
200 Civic Center Drive  
P.O. Box 117  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-0117  
Telephone: (614) 460-4648  
Fax: (614) 460-6986  
Email: sseiple@nisource.com

Richard S. Taylor  
225 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
Telephone: (502) 223-8967  
Fax: (502) 226-6383  
Email: attysmitty@aol.com

Attorneys for  
**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Response was served upon all parties of record by regular U.S. Mail this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.

Stephen B. Seiple (gmc)  
Stephen B. Seiple  
Attorney for  
**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

**SERVICE LIST**

William Wallace Richardson II  
3012 Shaker Run Circle  
Lexington, KY 40509